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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 140
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Collin Floyd and Carmen Oakley upon their success at the 2001 Wilson County Spelling Bee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals, who through their natural talents and steadfast efforts, excel in their various academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Collin Floyd and Carmen Oakley are most assuredly two such persons who are deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, at the 2001 Wilson County Spelling Bee for seventh and eighth grade students, Collin Floyd placed first and Carmen Oakley was runner-up; and

WHEREAS, these two distinguished young people, both students at Walter J. Baird Middle School, prevailed over stiff competition from students at Tuckers Crossroads School, Watertown Southside School, Carroll-Oakland School, Walter J. Baird Middle School, Friendship Christian School, Mt. Juliet Christian Academy, and Mt. Juliet Junior High School; and

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WHEREAS, Collin and Carmen will ably represent Wilson County in the Regional Spelling Bee to be held in Nashville on March 27, 2001; and

WHEREAS, for winning the spelling bee, they were awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Cumberland University, a \$100 savings bond from Wilson Bank and Trust and SunTrust Bank, and dictionaries from Wal-Mart; and

WHEREAS, the Spelling Bee, held at Cumberland University, was organized by the instructors of the gifted education programs at Wilson County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Collin Floyd and Carmen Oakley represented their school and community with the utmost dedication and merit, and for their remarkable achievements, we can all be proud; they exemplify the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, their noteworthy achievement is a great source of happiness for their parents; Collin is the son of Karen and Mike Floyd and Carmen is the daughter of Marie and Ken Oakley; and

WHEREAS, Collin Floyd and Carmen Oakley, the champions of the Wilson County Spelling Bee, are deserving of the commendation, respect, and admiration of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Collin Floyd and Carmen Oakley upon their victories at the 2001 Wilson County Spelling Bee and wish them every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.